

Rep. Charlie Wilson (OH-6) today joined an overwhelming bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives to support legislation requiring the President to report to Congress on plans for the redeployment of troops from Iraq.

The bill requiring a redeployment strategy from the Bush administration would force the President to report to Congress on redeployment plans within 60 days and every 90 days thereafter and was approved by a vote of 377-46.

The legislation requires continued reports on the Administration's plan to redeploy troops from Iraq. The continued reports are essential to ensuring the Administration continues to plan for a responsible redeployment and will help ensure the American people are aware of the facts on the ground in Iraq and the Administration's plan for our Armed Forces in the coming months.

In addition to requiring the President to report on the status of plans for the safe redeployment of American troops from Iraq, the bill specifically:

- Recognizes that the U.S. Armed Forces and U.S. civilians have worked valiantly, and that it is time for Iraq to manage its future;
- Notes that when Congress authorized military force in 2002, it was concerned about an Iraqi government that has since been removed from power;
- States that the new, freely-elected Iraqi government poses no threat to the United States;
- Expresses the view that such a plan should include a refocus of our military to combating al-Qaeda and other terrorists.

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